



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

June 4, 2019

Samantha Rice
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Subject: Permit Application File No: SAJ-2018-03427 – Site Prep Activities at the A-2 Reservoir/STA Site – Palm Beach County, Florida

Dear Ms. Rice:

The South Florida Water Management District (District) requests amendment of the recently submitted standard permit application File NO: SAJ-2018-03427 to allow the District to clear, grub, and demuck a 700'- wide swath within active agricultural fields (about 690 acres) along the northern and eastern limits of A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA). There are no wetlands within these active agricultural fields, and jurisdictional discharges are limited to filling agricultural ditches (14 +/- acres) that are necessary to achieve the project purpose. Excess muck will be stockpiled just inside the 700' wide limits of construction. Other than the additional work described above, there are no changes to the stockpile expansion work described within Department of Army Permit application File No: SAJ-2018-03427.

The clearing activities associated with this additional 700' swath area lie entirely within the Action Area defined within the Biological Opinion (CEPP BA 04EF2000-2012-F-0290, dated December 17, 2013), and the Draft Biological Opinion for the A-2 Reservoir/STA (BO 04EF2000-2018-F-0867, dated Sept 13, 2018).

Please find enclosed an amended Department of Army permit application form and an 11" X 17" site map.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact John Shaffer at 561-682-6308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Smith".

Jennifer Smith
Chief of Staff

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Enclosures

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| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT 33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R. | | Form Approved - OMB No. 0710-0003 Expires: 01-08-2018 | |
| The public reporting burden for this collection of information, OMB Control Number 0710-0003, is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil . Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE EMAIL. | | | |
| PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT | | | |
| Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned. System of Record Notice (SORN). The information received is entered into our permit tracking database and a SORN has been completed (SORN #A1145b) and may be accessed at the following website: http://dpclcd.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNS/Index/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570115/a1145b-ce.aspx | | | |
| (ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS) | | | |
| 1. APPLICATION NO. | 2. FIELD OFFICE CODE | 3. DATE RECEIVED | 4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE |
| (ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT) | | | |
| 5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Middle - Last - Company - South Florida Water Management District E-mail Address - | | 8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First - Middle - Last - Company - E-mail Address - | |
| 6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: Address- 3301 Gun Club Road City - W. Palm Beach State - FL Zip - 33406 Country - USA | | 9. AGENT'S ADDRESS: Address- City - State - Zip - Country - | |
| 7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOS. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax 561/686-8800 | | 10. AGENTS PHONE NOS. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax | |
| STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION | | | |
| 11. I hereby authorize, _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application. | | | |
| _____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT | | _____ DATE | |
| NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY | | | |
| 12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions) A-2 STA Site - Stockpile Area Expansion and Clear, grub and demuck 700' swath | | | |
| 13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (if applicable) N/A | | 14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable) Address US Hwy 27 (9.75 Miles South of CR 827) | |
| 15. LOCATION OF PROJECT Latitude: °N 26.463511 Longitude: °W 80.777952 | | City - Unincorporated State- FL Zip- 33493 | |
| 16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see instructions) State Tax Parcel ID Municipality Palm Beach County (South of South Bay) Section - See "Range" Township - 46S Range - 35E (S13, S22, & S23); R36E (S18, S19, S30, & S31) | | | |

17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

From SFWMD's G-720 Structure [located on the West Side of A-1 FEB], travel west on the STA 3/4 Inflow Canal's north levee road approximately 7.7 miles [passing north of G-372] until the road turns north and becomes the L-23 Canal's east levee road. Continue north on the L-23 Canal's east levee road approximately 0.9 miles, thence east on the first farm road encountered [which runs along the south side of the canal]. Continue east along the south side of the canal approximately 0.8 miles until farm road terminates at unnamed N-S farm road. Travel North on unnamed farm road approximately 0.5 miles and make a slight jog to cross the unnamed canal. Turn east and travel approximately 1.0 miles to the SE corner of the 560 acre stockpile area.

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

In December 2018, the South Florida Water Management District (District) requested authorization (File No: SAJ -2018-03247) to temporarily stockpile processed limestone material within 560 acres of the A-2 site for future construction of the STA Project. The 560-acre area which included fallow agricultural fields (240 acres) and active agricultural fields (320 acres which were determined by the USACE to be non-jurisdictional on Nov. 27, 2018).

At this time, the District wishes to amend the current application (File No: SAJ-2018-03427) to include clearing, grubbing, demucking and filling of ditches within a 700' wide swath along the northern and eastern limits of the A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) footprint in support of future STA construction. The area is currently active agricultural fields and does not contain any wetlands. Jurisdictional work is limited to the filling of ditches (14 acres) within the 700' swath. Best Management Practices will remain in place until work has been completed and the work area has become stabilized.

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

The originally proposed work that was submitted to the USACE in December 2018 (File No. SAJ-2018-03427) was intended to support the temporary stockpiling of processed limestone from the adjacent A-1 FEB in anticipation of its use within the Federally Authorized A-2 Reservoir/STA project. This additional clearing of 700' swath (site prep work) is also in support of the upcoming STA construction.

The clearing activities associated with the 700' swath area also lie entirely within the Action Area defined within the Biological Opinion (CEPP BO 04EF2000-2012-F-0290, dated December 17, 2013 and Draft BO for A-2 Reservoir/STA (04EF2000-2018-F-0867, dated Sept 13, 2018). In addition NEPA has been completed under the USACE's Final Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Everglades Planning Project dated December 2014 and the Post Authorization Change Report dated March 2018.

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

Jurisdictional discharges are limited to filling ditches and temporarily stockpiling processed limestone on degraded wetland areas, all of which are necessary to support STA construction.

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

| Type Amount in Cubic Yards | Type Amount in Cubic Yards | Type Amount in Cubic Yards |
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| 260,000 +/- CY of Muck | 800,000 +/- CY of Processed Limestone | 90,000 +/- CY of Ditch Fill |

22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres 240 +/- acres of highly degraded wetlands (fallow agricultural fields); 15.6 +/- acres of ditches
or
Linear Feet

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions)

Avoidance and Minimization have been demonstrated within the USACE's Final Integrated Project Implementation Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Everglades Planning Project dated December 2014 and the Post Authorization Change Report dated March 2018. Mitigation has not been proposed because any loss in aquatic resource functions and/or services will be more than offset by constructing and operating the Federally approved A-2 STA project.

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? ☐ Yes ☒ No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

Following receipt of the USACE's determination that a DA permit was not required for work within active agricultural fields, site prep work commenced within the 320 acres in November 2018.

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list).

a. Address- **All adjacent lands are owned by SFWMD**

City - State - Zip -

b. Address-

City - State - Zip -

c. Address-

City - State - Zip -

d. Address-

City - State - Zip -

e. Address-

City - State - Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application.

| AGENCY | TYPE APPROVAL* | IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | DATE APPLIED | DATE APPROVED | DATE DENIED |
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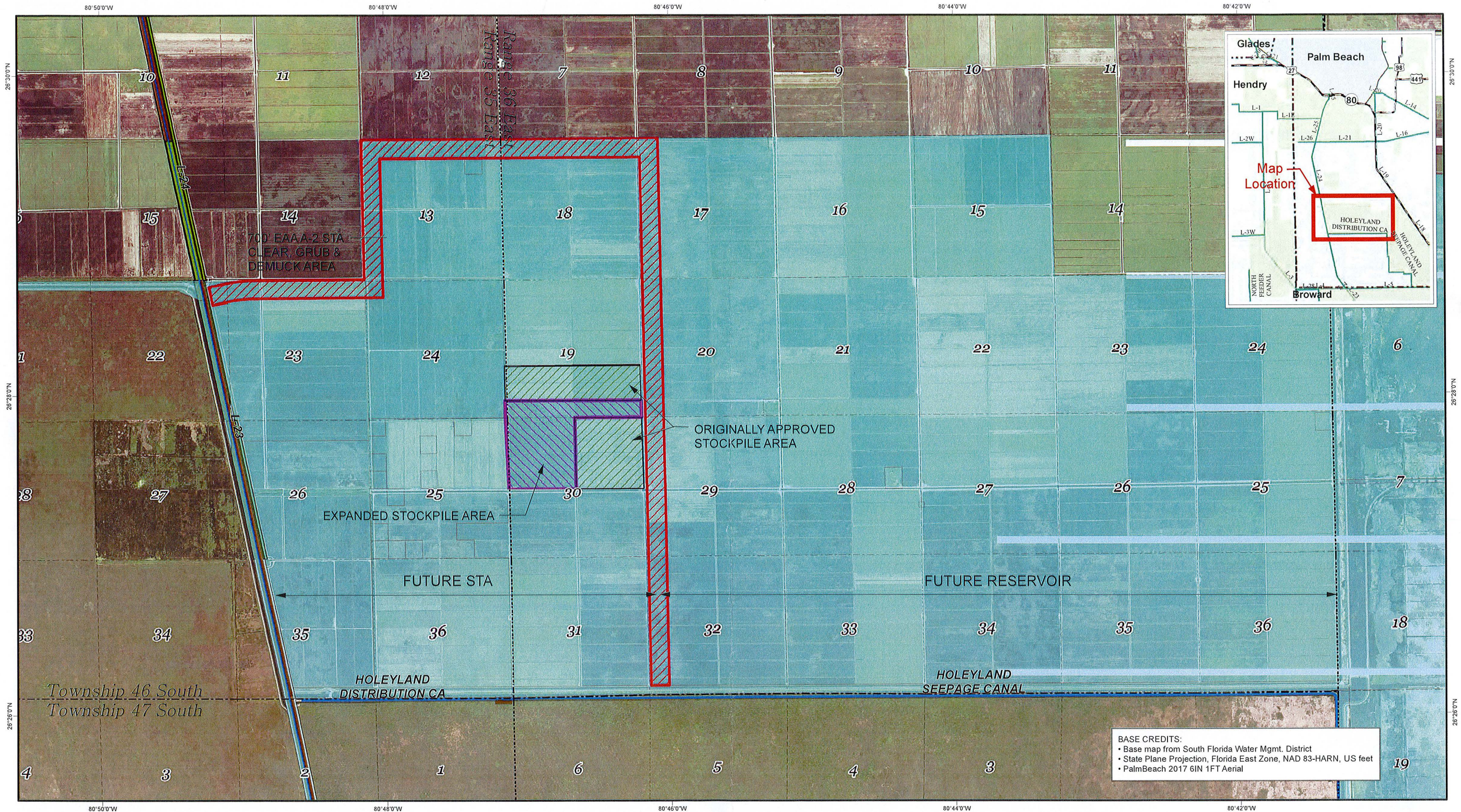
* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE SIGNATURE OF AGENT DATE

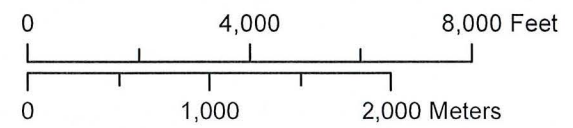
The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.



BASE CREDITS:
• Base map from South Florida Water Mgmt. District
• State Plane Projection, Florida East Zone, NAD 83-HARN, US feet
• PalmBeach 2017 6IN 1FT Aerial


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A-2 STA - Site Prep Work
Palm Beach, County
Township 46 South, Range 35 East,
& Township 46 South, Range 36 East,



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Map Date: May 2019

